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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: BF-4 Sand, Reservoir A, U-lc Sand
Reservoir C, Weeks Island Field, Iberia
Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf The Meridian Resource & Exploration Company and Louisiana Onshore Properties, Inc. to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing after legal notice to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relative to the BF-4 Sand, Reservoir A, and U-lc Sand, Reservoir C, Weeks Island Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana:

BF-4 SAND, RESERVOIR A

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the BF-4 Sand, Reservoir A, in the Weeks Island Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana.
2. To create an additional drilling and production unit for the BF-4 Sand, Reservoir A, as shown on the plat attached hereto;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other

7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the BF-4 Sand, Reservoir A.

The BF-4 Sand, Reservoir A, in the Weeks Island Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana, was previously defined in office of Conservation Order No. 146-VV, effective December 18, 1996, as corrected by Correction of Office of Conservation Order No. 146-VV, effective December 18, 1996 (corrected Order No. to 146-WW).

U-lc Sand, Reservoir C

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the U-lc Sand, Reservoir C, in the Weeks Island Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana.
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the U-lc Sand, Reservoir C, as shown on the plat attached hereto;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To designate a unit well and unit operator for the unit so created; and
5. To exempt any wells permitted to the U-lc Sand, Reservoir C from the spacing requirements of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
6. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by Supplemental Order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the U-lc Sand, Reservoir C change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;
7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the U-lc Sand, Reservoir C.

The U-lc Sand, Reservoir C in the Weeks Island Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that oil and gas bearing sand encountered between the electric log measured depths of

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of questions, answers and comments, following which the conference was adjourned with all parties reserving their rights. Mr. Smith did explain that the applicant is making a slight change in the sand definition contained in the pre-application notice.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof are plats outlining the BF-4 RA SUC and the U-1 RC SUA in the Weeks Island Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana. Also enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager **ONLY** are a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this notice is being sent. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties.

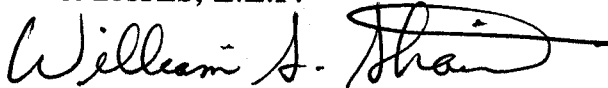
In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice of the hearing and unit plats in a prominent place in the area of Weeks Island Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Weeks Island Field, at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Charles Smith 5743 S. Pollard Parkway, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808 (225) 767-2240.

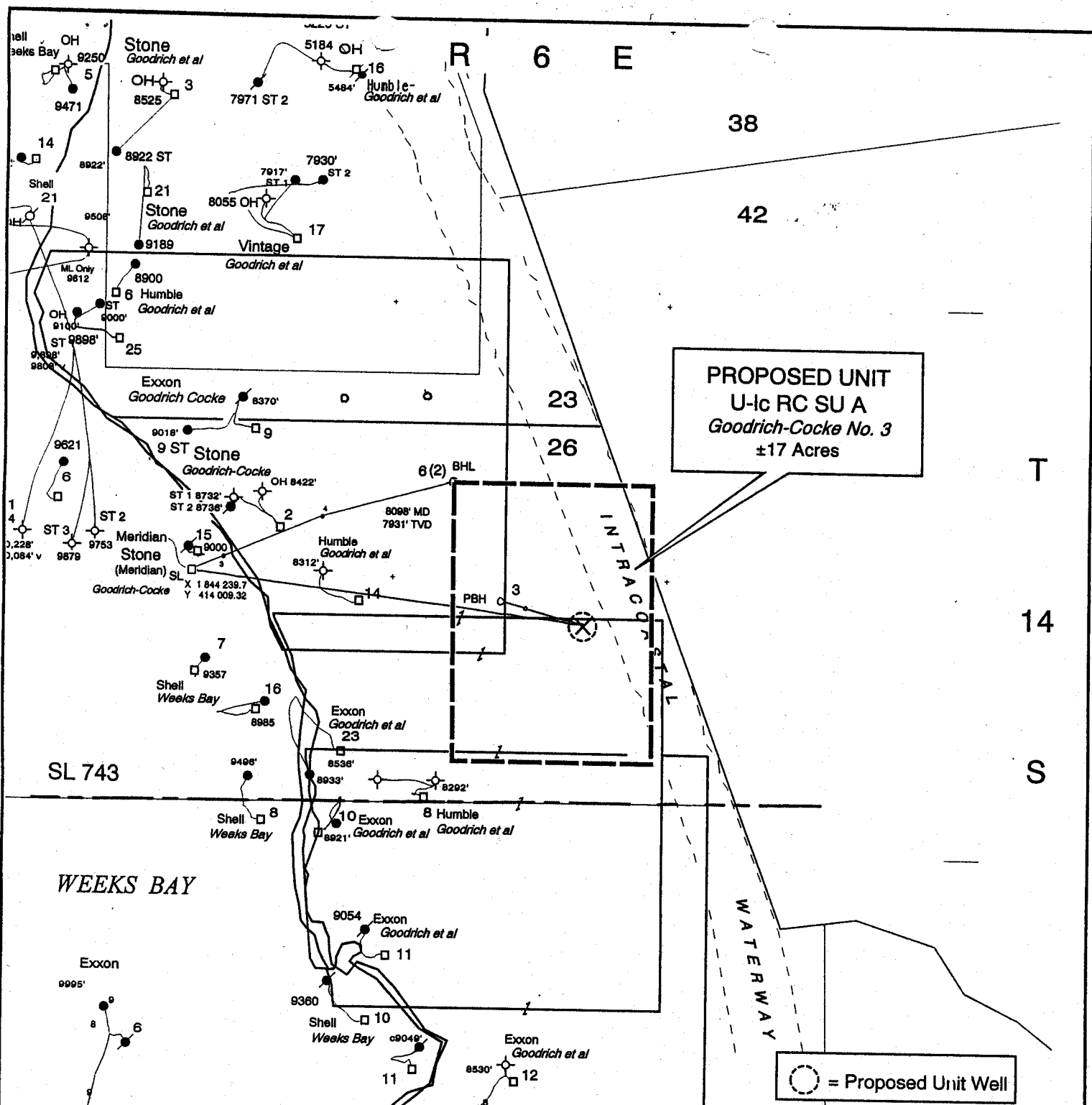
Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

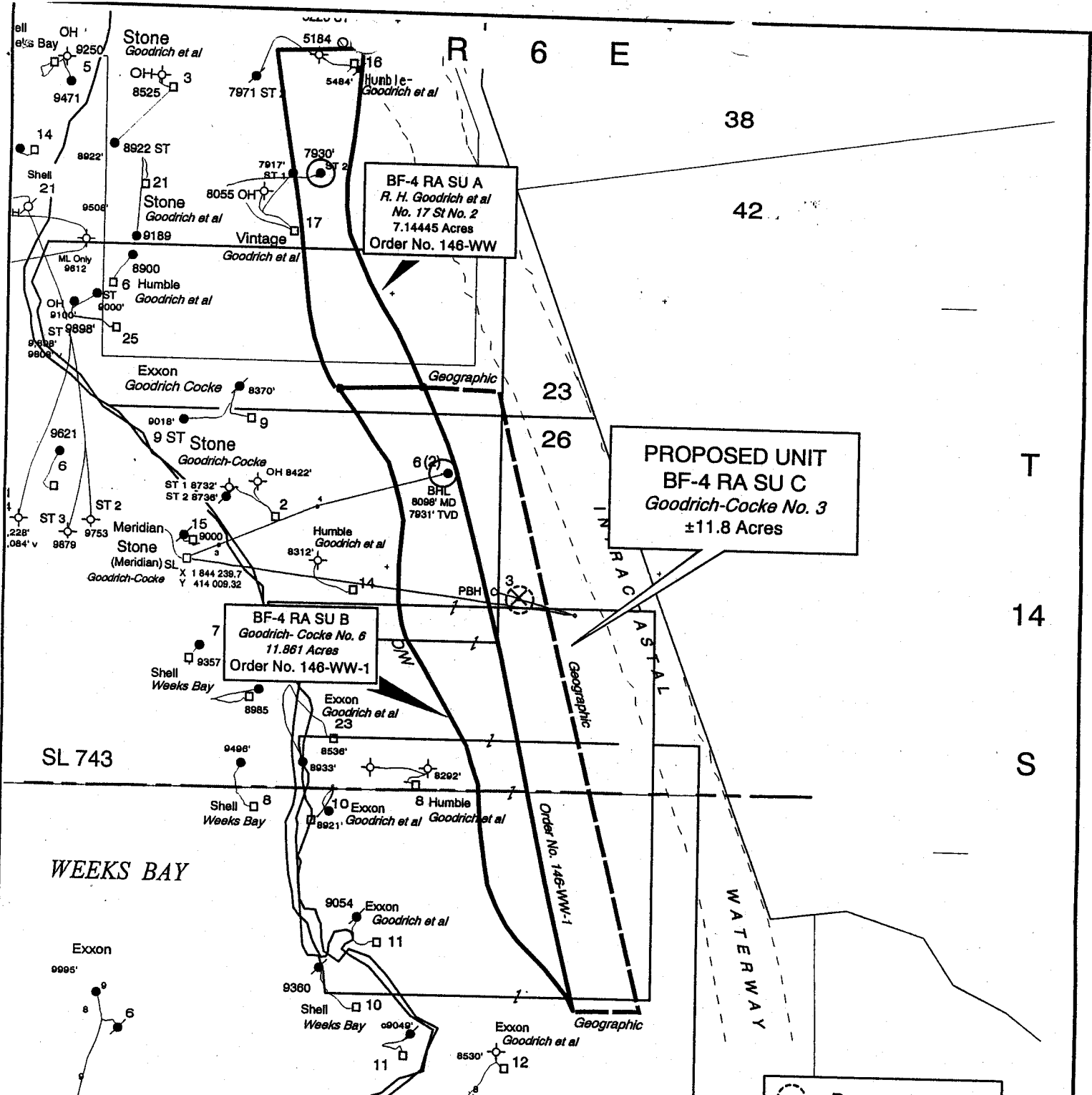
Very truly yours,

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William S. Strain

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ENCLOSURES





BF-4 RA SU A
R. H. Goodrich et al
No. 17 St No. 2
7.14445 Acres
Order No. 146-WW

PROPOSED UNIT
BF-4 RA SU C
Goodrich-Cocke No. 3
±11.8 Acres

BF-4 RA SU B
Goodrich-Cocke No. 6
11.861 Acres
Order No. 146-WW-1

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